

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2011 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), claims 1, 4, 22, 23, 25-37, and 39-41 are pending.

Claims 1, 22, 32, 33, 37, 39, 40 and 41 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the January 20, 2011 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 22, 23, 25-30, 34, 35, 36 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,032,177 to Novak et al. ("Novak") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 20110126246 to Thomas ("Thomas"). The Examiner rejected claim 31 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak, in view of Thomas, and further in view of well-known prior art. The Examiner rejected claims 32 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak in view of Logan, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,436,653 to Ellis ("Ellis"). The Examiner rejected claims 33 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Novak in view of Logan, and further in view of Ellis and in further view of well known cited prior art.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 40 and 41 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 40 and 41 have each been rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicant respectfully submits that claims 40 and 41 are in condition for allowance.

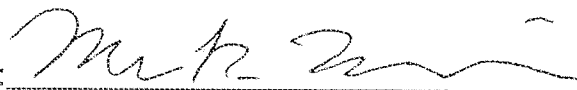
Applicants have amended claims 1, 22 and 32 to recite limitations similar to allowed claims 40 and 41. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 22 and 32 are all allowable over the cited prior art because these claims recite limitations similar to the limitations in allowed claims 40 and 41.

Claims 4, 23, 25-35, 37 and 39 depend, directly or indirectly, on claims 1, 22, 32, 40 and 41, as amended. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 4, 23, 25-35, 37 and 39 distinguish over Novak, Logan and Ellis for the same reasons as those discussed above in regard to claims 1.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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